

University Committee on Admissions 2015-2016 Academic Year Annual Report

Committee Members:

Kellee White, Chair	Public Health (2015)
Jodi Spillane	University Libraries (2016)
Nikki Wooten	Social Work (2017)
Patrick Hickey	Nursing (2015)
Dan Friedman	University 101 (2016)
Karen Heid	Art (2016)
Scott Verzyl, ex-officio Secretary	Admissions Office
Mary Wagner, Guest	Admissions Office
Ed Black, Guest	Admissions Office

Year Highlights

- 1) Considered and approved two petitions for readmission to Palmetto College degree programs.
- 2) Discussed the petition process for readmission. The committee approved a motion to delegate petition approval authority for readmission for Palmetto College students to the appropriate Palmetto College administrative as determined by the Chancellor of Palmetto College (currently Dr. Chris Nesmith, Assistant Vice Provost, Extended University/Palmetto College) for those students with a 1.8 overall GPA or better. Students petitioning with less than a 1.8 GPA must be reviewed and recommended for readmission by Palmetto College prior to being referred to and considered by the Committee on Admissions.
- 3) The Shorelight proposal was discussed in detail. The committee approved a motion to grant a blanket exception for international students who enroll in the Shorelight Academic Accelerator Pathway program to be concurrently enrolled as EPI students and non-degree students, and at the end of a year of successful performance may be considered for regular degree-seeking admission based on work completed as a non-degree student. The Committee on Admissions will review the performance of the program and students after each year and revisit this exception as necessary.
- 4) Nursing RN-BSN program – the committee approved reinstating the RN-BSN academic bulletin information pertaining to admissions as it previously existed. Any substantive changes must be resubmitted for consideration and approval.
- 5) Reviewed updates on fall freshman admissions data.
- 6) The committee voted via email approve the following requests:
 - a. The English Programs for Internationals department requested a change to the current policy for EPI students planning to exit that non-credit program and enter a degree-seeking program. Students for which English is not their native language must take an English proficiency test, the most common of which is the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Our minimum required TOEFL score for degree-seeking admission is 550. Students who are eligible for undergraduate admission but who do not yet have adequate English proficiency may begin in EPI and take a sequence of EPI courses (six levels of courses) and upon completion are only required to score a TOEFL of 500. EPI is requesting that this policy be modified to allow students who complete only their level five courses, but who score a TOEFL of 530, be admitted and not required to complete the final level of EPI.

- b. The College of Education requested to raise the minimum GPA for transfer admission to the Teacher Education programs to 2.5, and to raise the minimum GPA for the professional program to 2.75 in accordance with new standards issued by the State Department of Education.
- 7) Selection of Chair for the 2015-2016 academic year: Jodi Spillane (Library Sciences)